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Australian Bureau of Statistics

AUSTRALIA *at a glance*

DEMOGRAPHY AND MANPOWER

1982-83 1983-84 1984-85

Population and vitals

Population at 30 June		15 379	15 556	15 752
aged less than 15	%	24.4	24.0	n.s.
aged 15-64	"	85.7	65.9	n.s.
aged 65 and over	"	10.0	10.1	n.s.
Births	'000	242	241	p234
Deaths	"	113	111	p110
Marriages	"	118	115	p113
Divorces		43	44	p40

Overseas movements

Net permanent and long term movement	000	+75	+47
Visitor arrivals, short term	"	930	992
Departures of residents, short term	"	1 259	1 310

Labour force

	'000	1967	1968	1969
Civilian labour force, May—males	"	4 363	4 422	4 446
females	"	2 631	2 706	2 794
Unemployed persons, May (New series)	"	721	637	608
Job vacancies, May	"		39.8	56.6
Trade union membership, December	"	3 012	2 985	3 029
Industrial disputes, work days lost	"	2 000	1 280	1 306

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Award rates of pay index—wage and salary earners, adult persons (at 30 June)	1976=100	185.7	202.7	208.2
Earnings, all employees	\$	292.00	316.70	338.50
Hours (incl. overtime), full-time non-managerial adult employees, November	No.	39.5	39.6	39.6

FINANCE

Government finance

Revenue (all governments)	\$ m	58 712	65 021	75 692
Cw/ith income tax, persons	"	22 943	24 691	30 365
Other Cw/ith government taxes	"	18 061	20 054	22 364
State and local government taxes	"	10 846	11 986	13 207
Total outlay (all governments)	"	70 325	79 850	90 953
Final consumption expenditure	"	28 328	31 804	35 825
Personal benefit payments to residents	"	16 401	19 185	21 836
Expenditure on new fixed assets	"	13 714	15 178	16 868

Private finance

Trading bank deposits, June balances	\$ m	36 044	38 424	47 100
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	30 018	34 342	38 878
Housing finance commitments to individuals	"			
Trading banks	"	1 038	1 242	1 384
Savings banks	"	3 625	5 028	6 908
Permanent building societies	"	1 839	3 450	3 917
Other significant lenders	"	1 180	1 559	1 313
New money raised: listed companies				
Shares	"	744	1 340	1 410
Debentures, secured notes etc.	"	586	477	1 953

PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES

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Agriculture

Gross value of agriculture	\$ m	11 714	15 309	15 276
Crops	"	5 017	8 427	7 887
Livestock slaughtering etc.	"	3 452	3 393	3 625
Livestock products	"	3 246	3 490	3 763
Wheat production	' 000 tonnes	8 876	22 016	12 039
Wool production	"	702	728	815
Meat production	"	2 312	2 063	2 087

Mining

Iron ore and concentrates	' 000 tonnes	78 969 (a)	79 758 (a)	91 441
Black coal	"	142 766	149 802	p130 182
Crude oil (incl. condensate)	mega litres	22 069	26 827	p30 919
Natural gas	giga litres	11 654	12 094	p12 958

Manufacturing

Steel ingots	' 000 tonnes	5 306	6 161	6 311
Cement	"	5 076	5 130	5 659
Tobacco and cigarettes	"	30	28	27
Beer	m. litres	1 935	1 852	1 850
Finished and partly finished motor vehicles	' 000	357	388	405
Electricity	m kWh	105 933	111 696	118 969
Electric motors— under 720 W	' 000	2 305	2 358	2 160
Yarn—Cotton	' 000 kg	17 156	19 740	19 891
Wool	"	17 811	19 984	22 341

Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles,
parts, petrol etc.)

\$ m	40 539	43 796	47 028
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PRICE INDEXES

Consumer (6 capital cities)	1980-81=100	123.1	131.6	137.2
Export	1974-75=100	203	208	223
Building materials—House	1966-67=100	413.5	445.6	480.9
Other	1979-80=100	139.6	147.3	155.6
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1968-69=100	388.0	402.1	422.2
Articles produced	"	360.2	382.8	404.8

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$ m	165 306	186 550	207 220
Gross farm product	"	5 890	9 006	8 685
GDP at 1979-80 prices	"	122 853	128 820	134 979
Gross farm product at 1979-80 prices	"	6 386	8 486	8 394
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	38 863	40 641	46 536
Gross fixed capital exp.-private	"	25 068	25 946	28 584
Household income	"	145 325	161 281	178 646
Private consumption expenditure	"	103 216	114 155	125 702

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

1982-83

1983-84

1984-85

Foreign trade

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$ m	22 122	24 808	30 743
Total imports	"	21 806	24 081	30 022
Percentage of total exports to—Japan	%	27.0	26.5	26.2
E.E.C.	"	14.1	13.6	12.6
Percentage of total imports from—Japan	"	20.7	22.3	22.1
U.S.A.	"	21.9	21.6	22.7

Major export commodities, f.o.b.

Wool (greasy)	\$ m	1 467	1 574	1 958
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	1 585	1 309	1 288
Wheat	"	1 440	1 814	2 867
Machinery and transport equipment	"	1 133	1 336	1 483
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	"	3 753	4 107	4 604
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	3 080	3 338	4 665
Sugar	"	557	621	574

Major import commodities

Machinery	"	5 681	6 264	8 246
Transport equipment	"	2 341	3 044	3 654
Petroleum and petroleum products	"	3 092	2 213	2 291

Balance of payments

Balance on current account	\$ m	-6 722	-7 281	-10 534
Balance on merchandise trade (B.O.P. basis)	"	-1 049	227	-664
Net services	"	-2 783	-2 968	-3 956
Net transfers	"	-2 890	-4 540	-5 914
Balance on capital account	"	6 073	5 525	11 641
Total official	"	-1 623	-1 355	3 922
Total non-official	"	7 696	6 880	7 719

TRANSPORT

Motor vehicles on register, June(a)	' 000	8 590	8 833	9 118
Cars and station wagons, June	"	6 470	6 636	6 843
New motor vehicles registered(a)	"	651	650	721
Civil aviation (passenger km)				
Regular internal services	mil.	9 327	9 685	10 414
Overseas services (Australian airline)	"	14 478	15 248	16 859

BUILDING

New houses (number completed)	' 000	80.2	97.8	p111.6
New other dwellings (number completed)	"	35.5	26.0	p30.5
Value of new dwellings completed	\$ m	5 178	5 508	p6 645
Value of other buildings completed	"	4 738	4 100	p5 109

(a) Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Notes: Figures relate to 1 July-30 June unless otherwise indicated.

p indicates preliminary—figure subject to revision.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS : AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES—1984

Country	Estimated Population(a)	Surface Area(a)	Consumer Price Index(b)
			—All Groups 1980 = 100
	' 000	km ²	
Australia	15 556	7 682 300	139.4
Belgium	9 856	30 513	134.0
Canada	24 907	9 976 139	137.6
Denmark	5 114	43 069	140.0
Finland	4 863	337 032	142.0
France	54 652	547 026	149.3
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	61 421	248 577	118.4
Greece	9 840	131 944	214.4
Ireland	3 508	70 283	169.3
Italy	56 559	301 225	174.3
Japan	119 259	372 313	112.1
Luxembourg	365	2 586	135.7
Netherlands	14 362	40 844	120.0
Norway	4 129	324 219	146.0
Portugal	10 099	92 082	238.3
Spain	38 228	504 782	163.6
Sweden	8 329	449 964	143.0
Switzerland	6 505	41 288	119.2
Turkey	47 279	780 576	355.6
United Kingdom	55 810	244 046	133.4
U.S.A.	233 700	9 372 614	126.1

Sources: For foreign countries (a) United Nations Demographic Year Book 1983.
(b) OECD Main Economic Indicators, 1984.

Exchange Rate of \$A1—Average for January 1986 (selling rates).

U.K. 49 new pence	U.S.A. U.S. \$0.69	Japan 140 Yen	New Zealand N.Z. \$1.35
Germany (F.R.) 1.71 D.M.	Canada Can. \$0.98	France 5.25 Francs	Italy 1 168 lire

Cover: Billabong on the Murray River near Renmark, South Australia
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States of Australia		N.S.W.	Vic.
Area	' 000 sq km	802	228
Population (June 1985)p	' 000	5 474.3	4 121.5
Crops (area sown) 1984-85p	' 000 hectares	5 708	2 561
Numbers at 31/3/85—Sheep and lambs	mil.	55.5	26.5
Cattle and calves	"	5.2	3.6
Output			
Wool (greasy basis) 1984-85p	' 000 tonnes	275.2	170.2
Wheat for grain 1984-85p	"	3 564	1 530
Beef and veal 1984-85	"	270	276
Mutton and lamb 1984-85	"	153	190
Whole milk intake by factories 1984-85	m litres	940	3 516
Copper (metallic content) 1983-84	' 000 tonnes	26	—
Iron ore and concentrates 1983-84	"	—	n.p.
Tin concentrate 1983-84	tonnes	2 832	—
Coal 1983-84	' 000 tonnes	66 823	33 245
Crude oil (incl. condensate) 1983-84	mega litres	—	24 051
Natural gas 1983-84	giga litres	—	5 797
Gross value of production			
Agriculture 1984-85p	\$ m	4 237	3 120
Fishing(a) 1983-84	"	73	34
Value added			
Mining 1983-84	"	(c) 1 640	2 251
Manufacturing(e) 1983-84	"	12 713	11 779
Income per head of mean population 1983-84	\$	10 765	10 801

(a) Excludes milk and eggs. (b) Excludes Qld. (c) Includes the A.C.T. (d) Included in persons employed at end of year.

n.p. Not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable). n.a. Not available.

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne
Population (June 1984)	' 000	3 358.5	2 890.7
Average annual rainfall	mm	1 215	859
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.7	5.7
Temperature			
January, average maximum	°C	25.5	25.8
average minimum	"	18.4	14.0
July, average maximum	"	15.9	13.3
average minimum	"	7.9	5.7

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<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1 727	984	2 528	68	1 348	2	7 682
546.4	1 362.9	1 407.5	442.1	143.8	253.1	15 751.5
3 010	2 893	8 721	99	4	1	20 997
14.0	17.3	31.6	4.8		0.1	149.7
9.4	0.8	1.7	0.6	1.5	—	22.7
67.9	109.0	170.3	21.9	—	0.5	815.1
918	1 376	4 649	2	—	—	12 039
523	81	101	32	23	5	1 311
22	86	61	19	—	5	515
621	372	243	346	—	—	6 038
160	n.p.	13	27	n.p.	—	249
—	1 776	72 604	n.p.	—	—	76 478
3 510	—	654	9 452	—	—	16 448
44 038	1 269	3 942	276	—	—	149 591
284	1 233	1 258	—	—	—	26 826
434	4 853	1 011	—	—	—	12 098
3 160	1 663	2 605	380	97	(a)6	15 276
n.a.	59	141	39	20	—	(b)367
1 929	471	1 914	167	454	(d)	8 825
3 701	2 842	2 137	829	110	119	34 229
9 675	10 197	9 778	9 165	10 951	12 431	10 444

N.S.W. (e) Excludes single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four
 Not available.

<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
1 146.6	979.6	983.4	175.7	66.1	243.5
1 153	528	873	629	1 536	629
7.5	6.9	7.9	5.8	8.5	7.2
29.4	29.5	29.6	21.4	31.7	27.6
20.7	16.4	17.7	11.6	24.7	13.1
20.4	15.0	17.3	11.5	30.3	11.1
9.5	7.3	9.0	4.4	18.2	-0.3

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